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1. (S/WNINTEL) Sudan and Yugoslavia have reportedly¹ reached an agreement which provides for the overhaul and maintenance of Sudan's inventory of HIP C helicopters by Yugoslavia. These helicopters are being disassembled in Sudan and flown to Yugoslavia for overhauling (Figure 1). This report summarizes activity relating to this program that has been observed in Sudan and Yugoslavia. A location map, a table, and three photographs are included in the report.

2. (C) In recent years Sudan has experienced a great deal of difficulty in keeping any significant portion of its HIP C helicopters operational. With the acquisition of the West German BO-105 helicopter in late 1977, Sudan abandoned all attempts at keeping the HIP C helicopters in flying condition.² During early 1978, most of the HIP C helicopters were moved into an open storage area at Khartoum Airfield [redacted] where they remained until the end of the year. At that time it was learned from collateral information that the Sudanese were planning to make an agreement with Yugoslavia to overhaul the Sudanese HIP C inventory.¹

3. (TSR) Between late November 1978 and mid-February 1979, the Sudanese began to disassemble the HIP C helicopters. The tail booms, rotor blades, wheels, and engines were removed. The fuselages were then loaded onto Sudanese C-130 transport aircraft to be flown to Yugoslavia for overhauling (Figure 2). Table 1 lists the status of the HIP C



FIGURE 1. KHARTOUM, SUDAN AND BATAJNICA, YUGOSLAVIA

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Top Secret RUFF**Table 1. HIP C Helicopters at Khartoum Airfield, Sudan****15 November 1978—13 July 1979***This table in its entirety is classified TOP SECRET RUFF*

	Total HIP C Present	Condition Of Helicopters				25X1
		Fully Assembled	Partially Disassembled	Completely Disassembled	Derelict	
	18	10	7	—	1	
	18	10	7	—	1	
	12	4	2	5	1	
	11	1	—	7	3	
	13	3	—	7	3	
	10	1	—	6	3	
	9	1	—	5	3	
	8	1	—	4	3	
	7	1	—	3	3	
	7	1	—	3	3	
	7	1	—	3	3	
	7	1	—	3	3	

inventory at Khartoum Airfield between [redacted] At least 11, and possibly as many as 13, helicopters were disassembled during that period and shipped to Yugoslavia.

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4. (TSR) The Yugoslavs are performing the overhaul and maintenance work at Batajnica Aircraft Assembly Plant [redacted] where the SA-341 Gazelle helicopter is currently being produced. On 31 May and 5 June, a C-130 (Figure 3) was observed at the adjacent Batajnica Airfield [redacted] provided the first identification of the C-130 in Yugoslavia. In addition, three camouflage-painted HIP C helicopters were observed at Batajnica Airfield [redacted] Camouflage-painted HIP Cs have been previously observed in Yugoslavia; however, the three that were present at Batajnica [redacted] were painted differently from the Yugoslav helicopters. [redacted]

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